

Patent 10/019,680

## REMARKS

Applicant confirms the election of the group I claims (1-10) without traverse.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 9 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested. It is believed that the center of buoyancy of claim 9 should be understood to be the center of buoyancy when the disk is at the interface between plasma and red blood cells.

Reconsideration of the rejections of the claims over the prior art is respectfully requested. None of the references has any suggestion of the subject matter now claimed wherein a disk has a surface that lies just below the top of the red blood cells.

Accordingly, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any matter remains outstanding.

All necessary extensions of time are requested. Please charge any necessary fees and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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